

Chapter 121

PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Granby as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Park and Recreation Board — See Ch. 6, Art. III.

Town property — See Ch. 41.

Scenic roads — See Ch. 133.

Abandoned, inoperable or unregistered vehicles — See Ch. 167.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 170.

Vendors, hawkers and peddlers — See Ch. 173.

ARTICLE I

General Provisions

[Adopted 3-21-2005]

§ 121-1. Authority to promulgate rules and regulations.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations applicable to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of any Town-owned land now or hereafter designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Town park relating to the proper use, management, government and protection of, and maintenance of good order in the areas to which they apply. Using procedures it deems appropriate to obtain input from the public, park users, and departments, boards, commissions, officers and agents of the Town, the Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, amend rules and regulations. Any such amended rules and regulations shall be applicable to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of any Town-owned land now or hereafter designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Town park relating to the proper use, management, government and protection of, and maintenance of good order in the areas to which they apply.

§ 121-2. Filing and posting of regulations.

Regulations and any amendments thereto promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in this article shall be effective upon adoption and upon the filing of copies thereof in the office of the Town Manager and the office of the Town Clerk. There shall be posted at convenient locations in each of the areas to which such regulations apply a notice that use of the area is subject to regulations on file in the office of the Town Manager and office of the Town Clerk. There may also be posted in such areas the text of particular regulations as determined by the Town Manager, but any such posting shall warn all persons that use of the area is governed by regulations in addition to those posted.

§ 121-3. Expulsion from Town parks.

Violation of any provision of the regulations promulgated hereunder, as the same may be

amended or supplemented, shall be sufficient cause for immediate expulsion from the area by the Town Manager (who shall serve as Superintendent of Parks), his designee or any police authority. Persons expelled hereunder are prohibited from entering any Town park for 24 hours following their expulsion, and may be, upon reasonable notice and hearing before the Board of Selectmen, excluded from any such area for a longer period but not more than one year.

§ 121-4. Penalties for offenses. ¹

In addition to any sanction imposable under § 121-3 of this article, any violation of any provision of the regulations promulgated hereunder, as the same may be amended or supplemented, within any Town park shall be punishable by a fine in an amount determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen, but in no case to be more than \$250. The prosecution of any such violation shall be pursuant to § 58-14 of Chapter 58, Violation and Citation Hearing Procedures, Article II, Parking and Ordinance Violations, adopted August 9, 1999.

ARTICLE II
Rules and Regulations
[Adopted 4-4-2005]

§ 121-5. Designation of Superintendent of Parks; responsibilities.

The Town Manager is hereby designated as the Superintendent of Parks with responsibility for the enforcement of these rules and regulations. As such, the Town Manager shall have authority to designate areas of Town parks as suitable for certain activities or as areas in which certain activities will be prohibited.

§ 121-6. Parking of vehicles.

Vehicles shall be parked only in areas designated as parking areas and shall be so parked therein as not to interfere with the ingress and egress of other vehicles.

§ 121-7. Operation of vehicles.

- A. The operation of vehicles (which shall include but not be limited to motorcycles and snowmobiles) within any Town park shall be permitted only on roadways not otherwise posted.
- B. No vehicle may be operated in any park at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

§ 121-8. Abandoned or unattended property.

The abandonment of any property within a Town park is prohibited. No vehicle or other property shall be left unattended for a longer period than 24 hours without prior permission of the Superintendent, and any such vehicle or other property may be impounded.² Such property may be returned to its lawful owner only after the costs of removal and storage have been paid.

1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

2. Editor's Note: See also Ch. 167, Vehicles, Abandoned, Inoperable or Unregistered.

§ 121-9. Operation of noise-producing devices.

The operation or use of any audio devices, including but not limited to radios, television sets, portable stereo devices, CD players, musical instruments and any other noise-producing devices, such as motor-driven equipment, so as to unreasonably annoy other persons lawfully within the Town park or on any abutting lands is prohibited. The operation or use of public-address systems of any kind is prohibited unless used in connection with a public gathering, approved recreation event, or special event for which a permit has been issued by the Superintendent.

§ 121-10. Soliciting.

Commercial soliciting of any kind is prohibited; provided, however, that the Town may sponsor or engage in the operation of concession stands, and further provided that other commercial activity conducted by nonprofit organizations in connection with specific events and activities being conducted within a park for which a permit has been issued by the Superintendent may also be permitted.

§ 121-11. Camping.

Camping is prohibited except as it may be authorized by a permit issued by the Superintendent. Where permitted it shall be for a duration of not longer than 24 hours, shall occur only in designated areas and shall be accompanied by a bond or cash deposit sufficient to insure clean up of the site.

§ 121-12. Gathering of wood.

The gathering of wood for use as fuel in designated picnic areas shall be limited to dead material on the ground.

§ 121-13. Pets.

Pets of any kind must be crated, caged or leashed at all times within a Town park except in areas otherwise designated as suitable for pets to be allowed to run free. Owners of pets shall pick up and dispose of their animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. The Superintendent may designate areas of Town parks where pets shall not be allowed, such as swimming areas, baseball fields, tennis courts, or playground areas, unless specifically posted for pet recreation.

§ 121-14. Horseback riding.

Horseback riding is permitted only in areas determined by the Superintendent to be suitable for that activity and so posted. Horses shall have the right-of-way in areas where motor vehicles are also allowed pursuant to state law.

§ 121-15. Explosives, fireworks, and firearms.

The use or possession of explosives, fireworks, firearms (including air- and gas-powered pistols and rifles), spears, blow guns, bows and arrows, crossbows or any other implement designed to discharge missiles is strictly prohibited, except by authorized law enforcement personnel. Nothing herein shall preclude Town sponsorship of fireworks displays, archery camps or other

similar programs or special events in Town parks.

§ 121-16. Fires.

The kindling of any fire is permitted only in designated picnic grounds, and except by special permit, which may be granted by recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to a community group in connection with a special event (Christmas tree bonfire) upon assurance that all state laws are being complied with. Fires must be confined to fireplaces or grills provided for that purpose or in stoves or lanterns using gasoline, propane, butane gas or similar fuels. Any person kindling a fire is required to insure that it damages no other property and is completely extinguished when no longer in use. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited. Throwing or dropping lighted cigarettes, pipes, cigars, matches or other burning material is prohibited.

§ 121-17. Fishing.

Fishing compliant with state statutes is permitted only in designated areas. Digging for bait is prohibited.

§ 121-18. Alcoholic beverages.

The use or consumption of alcoholic beverages in Town parks is prohibited, except by special permit, which may be granted by recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to a nonprofit community group in connection with a special event upon assurance that all state laws relating to the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages will be strictly complied with.

§ 121-19. Picnicking.

Picnicking is permitted only in areas designated by the Superintendent for such activity. Picnickers shall be responsible for site clean up, the deposit of trash in designated containers, and the removal of all other litter.

§ 121-20. Removal or damage of park property.

Destruction, defacement or removal of and damaging any natural feature (including but not limited to trees, shrubs, and other plants) or nonrenewable natural resource or any public structure, sign, equipment, monument or marker or any relic, artifact, ruin or historic or prehistoric feature in any park is prohibited. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the gathering or collecting, for personal use only, of reasonable quantities of natural products of renewable resources such as fruits, berries and dead wood.

§ 121-21. Disposal of garbage and other waste.

All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish of any kind must be disposed of only at places and in containers designed therefor or removed from the Town park. Cleaning food or washing clothing or other articles of household use is prohibited. Entrails or other inedible parts of fish or other animals shall not be thrown into fresh waters or other lands in any Town park. Urinating, defecating or depositing any other body wastes other than in designated

toilet facilities is prohibited. No trash or garbage from off-site locations shall be disposed of in any Town park.

§ 121-22. Sports events or activities.

Sports events or activities and the use of established playing fields shall be scheduled through the Director of Recreation and Leisure Services. Permits for park use for such events or for other special events or activities shall be issued upon a finding that the proposed use is not inconsistent with the purpose for which the area is established, will cause minimum interference with the use of the area by the general public, and will afford other proposed users substantially equal opportunities.

§ 121-23. Swimming.

Swimming and wading are permitted only in designated areas.

§ 121-24. Hunting.

Hunting, trapping, killing, wounding, frightening, capturing or disturbing wildlife in any Town park is prohibited.

§ 121-25. Winter sports.

Skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, tobogganing, and other similar winter sports (but not including the use of snowmobiles) are permitted except upon roadways and parking areas and other areas where posted. Ice skating may be permitted only in areas designated for that activity.

§ 121-26. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 4-21-2008³]

Violations of this article shall be punishable by fines as follows:

A. Parking violations:

- (1) First violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$25.
- (2) Second violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$50.
- (3) Third violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$50/vehicle towed. (NOTE: Same for any additional violations.)

B. Operation of vehicles: \$50.

C. Speeding violations:

- (1) First violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$50.
- (2) Second violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$75.
- (3) Third violation. Issue Town ticket: fine of \$99. (NOTE: Same for any additional violations.)

3. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

- D. Abandoned property: costs of removal and storage.
- E. Operation/use of audio devices: \$75.
- F. Commercial solicitation: \$75.
- G. Camping: \$25.
- H. Gathering wood: \$25.
- I. Pets: \$25.
- J. Horseback riding: \$25.
- K. Use/possession explosives: \$75.
- L. Kindling fire: \$50.
- M. Fishing: \$25.
- N. Use/possession alcohol: \$75.
- O. Picnicking: \$25.
- P. Destruction: \$99.
- Q. Littering: \$75.
- R. Sporting events: \$25.
- S. Swimming: \$25.
- T. Hunting: \$75.
- U. Skiing/sledding: \$25.

ARTICLE III
Park Designations
[Adopted 5-19-2008]

§ 121-27. Town parks.

The following are designated as Town parks:

- A. Salmon Brook Park.
- B. Ahrens Park.
- C. Town Green (located between Routes 10/20/189 and Park Place).
- D. Town of Granby Municipal Complex.
- E. Open space field on the southeast corner of Massaco Lane and Salmon Brook Street.
- F. Open space field on the northeast corner of Brook Pasture Lane and East Street.